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July Unemployment Rates Increase Seasonally in Nearly All Of Michigan's Regional Labor Markets

Lansing – Seasonally unadjusted unemployment rates increased in 16 of Michigan's 17 major labor market areas in July, according to the Michigan Department of Technology, Management & Budget. Total employment and labor force levels declined seasonally in the majority of regions over the month.

"July jobless rates rose typically in the majority of the state's labor market regions," said Michael Williams, acting director of the Bureau of Labor Market Information & Strategic Initiatives. "Payroll jobs declined over the month in Michigan's local regions due to seasonal short-term job reductions in education, temporary help, and manufacturing."

From June to July, regional jobless rate increases ranged from 0.1 to 1.1 percentage points with a median hike of 0.4 of a percentage point. Historically, rates advance in July by half of a percentage point. The largest July rate increases of at least 0.7 of a percentage point occurred in the Flint, Lansing-East Lansing, Monroe, and Saginaw-Saginaw Township North Metropolitan Statistical Areas (MSAs). The unemployment rate in the Northwest Lower Michigan region declined slightly over the month by 0.1 of a percentage point. In July, three Michigan regions, the Ann Arbor, Grand Rapids-Wyoming and Holland-Grand Haven MSAs, displayed jobless rates at or below the national seasonally unadjusted rate of 7.7 percent.

Jobless Rates Mixed Over Year

From July 2012 to July 2013, most regional unemployment rate changes were moderate. Since July 2012, jobless rates increased in nine regions with a median advance of only 0.2 of a percentage point. The largest over-the-year rate gains of around a half percentage point were posted in the Northeast Lower Michigan region, along with the Saginaw-Saginaw Township North and Bay City MSAs. Seven areas recorded unemployment rate declines over the year, showing a modest median decrease of only 0.2 of a percentage point. The only notable rate reduction over this period was a 1.8 percentage point drop in the Detroit-Warren-Livonia MSA. The jobless rate in the Jackson MSA was unchanged over the year.

Total Employment Down Over Month, Up Over Year

Over the month, total employment fell seasonally in 15 of 17 regions with a significant median decline of 1.3 percent. The Lansing-East Lansing and Flint MSAs recorded the largest total employment decreases in July of around 2.0 percent. Total employment rose over the month in the Northwest Lower Michigan region and the Detroit-Warren-Livonia MSA.

Since July 2012, total employment advanced in 14 regions with the biggest gains displayed in the Grand Rapids-Wyoming, Muskegon-Norton Shores, and Holland-Grand Haven MSAs. The Niles-Benton Harbor, Saginaw-Saginaw Township North, and Monroe MSAs recorded very minor total employment reductions over the year.

Labor Force Levels Down Over Month, Up Over Year

From June to July, workforce levels declined seasonally in 14 regions with a moderate median reduction of 0.7 percent. July labor force levels expanded in the Northwest Lower Michigan region as well as the Detroit-Warren-Livonia and Muskegon-Norton Shores MSAs. From July 2012 to July 2013, labor force levels advanced in 15 regions, posting a median increase of 1.1 percent. Workforce levels fell slightly over the year in the Niles-Benton Harbor and Monroe MSAs.

Seasonal Cuts Push Payroll Jobs Downward

The monthly survey of employers indicated that seasonally unadjusted payroll jobs in Michigan fell by 50,000 or 1.2 percent in July to 4,072,000. Public sector jobs dropped by 38,000 or 6.4 percent primarily due to cutbacks in local government education with the onset of the summer break at area schools.

Private sector jobs declined in July by 12,000 or 0.3 percent. Seasonal job cuts were recorded in professional and business services (-8,000), Manufacturing (-4,000), and private education (-4,000). Minor offsetting job gains over the month were registered in construction, leisure and hospitality services and information.

The job decline in professional and business services mainly occurred in the temporary help sub-category and was typical for July. The reduction in manufacturing jobs was also seasonal, but was restrained in comparison to historical norms due to structural changes within the auto industry. As a result of revamped production schedules since the recession and ensuing restructuring, planned auto supplier layoffs due to the auto industry's vacation shutdown/retooling period in early July have been subdued.

In July, payroll jobs declined in all 14 metropolitan areas in the state. Job reductions ranged from 0.6 to 2.8 percent with an average drop of 1.6 percent. The largest over-the-month decreases were recorded in the Monroe, Flint, and Lansing-East Lansing MSAs. All metro areas reported seasonal cutbacks in government, while most areas showed reductions in professional and business services.

From July 2012 to July 2013, seasonally unadjusted payroll jobs increased statewide by 72,000 or 1.8 percent. Nearly all of Michigan's major industry sectors either recorded over-the-year job gains or were stable. The only exception was a minor job loss in the information sector. Significant job gains were posted in professional and business services (+19,000), manufacturing (+16,000), leisure and hospitality services (+16,000), trade, transportation and utilities (+11,000), and education and health services (+8,000).

Since July 2012, overall payroll jobs rose in ten metropolitan regions and declined in four. Gains averaged 1.8 percent over the year, while area declines were mostly small. The most pronounced over-the-year job advances were recorded in the Grand Rapids-Wyoming, Muskegon-Norton Shores, and Holland-Grand Haven MSAs.

County Jobless Rates Up Over Month, Year

Fifty-nine of Michigan's 83 counties recorded unemployment rate increases in July, 19 counties posted declines, and five county's rates were unchanged. Jobless rate changes were mostly moderate over the month, with most of the July declines located in northern counties. From July 2012 to July 2013, jobless rates rose in 49 counties, fell in 28 and were unchanged in six. Over-the-year increases and decreases averaged about a half percentage point.

*Note: Data in this release is **not seasonally adjusted**. As a result, employment and unemployment trends may differ from previously released Michigan seasonally adjusted data.*

A breakdown of seasonally unadjusted July workforce estimates for Michigan and its 17 major labor market areas follows, along with a listing of county jobless rates for July.

Note to Editors: Please ensure that the source for state unemployment rates reads "Michigan Department of Technology, Management & Budget."

| | <u>Jul-12</u> | <u>Jun-13</u> | <u>Jul-13</u> | % change month | % change year |
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| ANN ARBOR MSA (Washtenaw County) | | | | | |
| Civilian Labor Force | 182,600 | 187,400 | 186,700 | -0.4% | 2.2% |
| Total Employment | 169,700 | 174,700 | 173,200 | -0.9% | 2.1% |
| Unemployment | 12,900 | 12,700 | 13,500 | 6.3% | 4.7% |
| Rate (percent) | 7.1 | 6.8 | 7.2 | | |

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| BATTLE CREEK MSA (Calhoun County) | | | | | |
| Civilian Labor Force | 64,600 | 66,000 | 65,200 | -1.2% | 0.9% |
| Total Employment | 59,000 | 60,700 | 59,600 | -1.8% | 1.0% |
| Unemployment | 5,600 | 5,200 | 5,600 | 7.7% | 0.0% |
| Rate (percent) | 8.7 | 7.9 | 8.5 | | |

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| BAY CITY MSA (Bay County) | | | | | |
| Civilian Labor Force | 52,500 | 53,200 | 53,100 | -0.2% | 1.1% |
| Total Employment | 47,600 | 48,300 | 47,900 | -0.8% | 0.6% |
| Unemployment | 4,900 | 5,000 | 5,200 | 4.0% | 6.1% |
| Rate (percent) | 9.3 | 9.3 | 9.7 | | |

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| DETROIT-WARREN-LIVONIA MSA (Data in thousands) (Wayne, Oakland, Macomb, Lapeer, Livingston, St. Clair counties) | | | | | |
| Civilian Labor Force | 2,048 | 2,041 | 2,064 | 1.1% | 0.8% |
| Total Employment | 1,798 | 1,830 | 1,850 | 1.1% | 2.9% |
| Unemployment | 251 | 211 | 214 | 1.4% | -14.7% |
| Rate (percent) | 12.2 | 10.3 | 10.4 | | |

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| FLINT MSA (Genesee County) | | | | | |
| Civilian Labor Force | 185,800 | 191,400 | 189,700 | -0.9% | 2.1% |
| Total Employment | 165,500 | 172,100 | 168,600 | -2.0% | 1.9% |
| Unemployment | 20,300 | 19,300 | 21,200 | 9.8% | 4.4% |
| Rate (percent) | 10.9 | 10.1 | 11.2 | | |

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| GRAND RAPIDS - WYOMING MSA (Barry, Ionia, Kent, Newaygo counties) | | | | | |
| Civilian Labor Force | 392,200 | 413,300 | 410,400 | -0.7% | 4.6% |
| Total Employment | 361,300 | 384,200 | 379,700 | -1.2% | 5.1% |
| Unemployment | 30,900 | 29,200 | 30,700 | 5.1% | -0.6% |
| Rate (percent) | 7.9 | 7.1 | 7.5 | | |

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| HOLLAND - GRAND HAVEN MSA (Ottawa County) | | | | | |
| Civilian Labor Force | 131,400 | 136,700 | 135,600 | -0.8% | 3.2% |
| Total Employment | 120,900 | 126,800 | 125,200 | -1.3% | 3.6% |
| Unemployment | 10,500 | 9,900 | 10,500 | 6.1% | 0.0% |
| Rate (percent) | 8.0 | 7.2 | 7.7 | | |

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| JACKSON MSA (Jackson County) | | | | | |
| Civilian Labor Force | 71,300 | 72,900 | 72,100 | -1.1% | 1.1% |
| Total Employment | 64,300 | 66,000 | 65,000 | -1.5% | 1.1% |
| Unemployment | 7,000 | 6,800 | 7,100 | 4.4% | 1.4% |
| Rate (percent) | 9.8 | 9.4 | 9.8 | | |

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| KALAMAZOO - PORTAGE MSA (Kalamazoo and Van Buren counties) | | | | | |
| Civilian Labor Force | 162,400 | 165,400 | 164,000 | -0.8% | 1.0% |
| Total Employment | 148,300 | 152,200 | 150,200 | -1.3% | 1.3% |
| Unemployment | 14,000 | 13,300 | 13,800 | 3.8% | -1.4% |
| Rate (percent) | 8.6 | 8.0 | 8.4 | | |

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| LANSING - EAST LANSING MSA (Clinton, Eaton, and Ingham counties) | | | | | |
| Civilian Labor Force | 232,200 | 236,600 | 233,700 | -1.2% | 0.6% |
| Total Employment | 212,000 | 217,500 | 213,000 | -2.1% | 0.5% |
| Unemployment | 20,100 | 19,200 | 20,700 | 7.8% | 3.0% |
| Rate (percent) | 8.7 | 8.1 | 8.9 | | |

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| MONROE MSA | | | | | |
| (Monroe County) | | | | | |
| Civilian Labor Force | 70,700 | 71,300 | 70,600 | -1.0% | -0.1% |
| Total Employment | 64,000 | 65,000 | 63,900 | -1.7% | -0.2% |
| Unemployment | 6,600 | 6,300 | 6,700 | 6.3% | 1.5% |
| Rate (percent) | 9.4 | 8.8 | 9.5 | | |

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| MUSKEGON - NORTON SHORES MSA | | | | | |
| (Muskegon County) | | | | | |
| Civilian Labor Force | 85,200 | 88,400 | 88,600 | 0.2% | 4.0% |
| Total Employment | 76,800 | 80,300 | 80,000 | -0.4% | 4.2% |
| Unemployment | 8,400 | 8,200 | 8,600 | 4.9% | 2.4% |
| Rate (percent) | 9.8 | 9.2 | 9.7 | | |

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| NILES - BENTON HARBOR MSA | | | | | |
| (Berrien County) | | | | | |
| Civilian Labor Force | 75,200 | 75,000 | 74,700 | -0.4% | -0.7% |
| Total Employment | 67,700 | 67,900 | 67,400 | -0.7% | -0.4% |
| Unemployment | 7,500 | 7,100 | 7,300 | 2.8% | -2.7% |
| Rate (percent) | 10.0 | 9.5 | 9.8 | | |

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| SAGINAW-Saginaw Township North MSA | | | | | |
| (Saginaw County) | | | | | |
| Civilian Labor Force | 91,400 | 92,100 | 91,600 | -0.5% | 0.2% |
| Total Employment | 82,500 | 83,400 | 82,300 | -1.3% | -0.2% |
| Unemployment | 8,900 | 8,800 | 9,300 | 5.7% | 4.5% |
| Rate (percent) | 9.7 | 9.5 | 10.2 | | |

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| UPPER PENINSULA LMA | | | | | |
| (15 counties) | | | | | |
| Civilian Labor Force | 150,300 | 151,900 | 151,300 | -0.4% | 0.7% |
| Total Employment | 135,900 | 137,300 | 136,600 | -0.5% | 0.5% |
| Unemployment | 14,400 | 14,600 | 14,700 | 0.7% | 2.1% |
| Rate (percent) | 9.6 | 9.6 | 9.7 | | |

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| NORTHEAST LOWER MICHIGAN | | | | | |
| (Alcona, Alpena, Cheboygan, Crawford, Iosco, Montmorency, Ogemaw, Oscoda, Otsego, Presque Isle, Roscommon counties) | | | | | |
| Civilian Labor Force | 89,000 | 90,000 | 89,800 | -0.2% | 0.9% |
| Total Employment | 79,400 | 80,100 | 79,700 | -0.5% | 0.4% |
| Unemployment | 9,600 | 9,900 | 10,200 | 3.0% | 6.3% |
| Rate (percent) | 10.8 | 11.0 | 11.3 | | |

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| NORTHWEST LOWER MICHIGAN | | | | | |
| (Antrim, Charlevoix, Emmet, Benzie, Grand Traverse, Kalkaska, Leelanau, Manistee, Missaukee, Wexford counties) | | | | | |
| Civilian Labor Force | 155,900 | 156,200 | 158,000 | 1.2% | 1.3% |
| Total Employment | 141,500 | 141,600 | 143,300 | 1.2% | 1.3% |
| Unemployment | 14,400 | 14,600 | 14,800 | 1.4% | 2.8% |
| Rate (percent) | 9.2 | 9.4 | 9.3 | | |

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| MICHIGAN (Data in thousands) | | | | | |
| Civilian Labor Force | 4,743 | 4,800 | 4,806 | 0.1% | 1.3% |
| Total Employment | 4,246 | 4,351 | 4,341 | -0.2% | 2.2% |
| Unemployment | 496 | 449 | 465 | 3.6% | -6.3% |
| Rate (percent) | 10.5 | 9.4 | 9.7 | | |

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Note:

The table above contains **seasonally unadjusted** data for Michigan for 2013 and 2012, which should be used in comparison with data for Michigan regions or counties.

DTMB released earlier the **seasonally adjusted** July 2013 unemployment rate for Michigan (8.8 percent), which is best used for:

- Identifying recent Michigan workforce trends
- Conducting comparisons with unemployment rates for the U.S. and other states

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MICHIGAN COUNTIES RANKED BY UNEMPLOYMENT RATE JULY 2013

| | | | | | |
|----|-----------------------|------|----|---------------------|------|
| 1 | Mackinac County | 4.9 | 43 | Saginaw County | 10.2 |
| 2 | Barry County | 6.5 | 44 | Alpena County | 10.3 |
| 3 | Leelanau County | 6.7 | 45 | Ionia County | 10.3 |
| 4 | Menominee County | 6.8 | 46 | Emmet County | 10.4 |
| 5 | Cheboygan County | 7.1 | 47 | Macomb County | 10.4 |
| 6 | Kent County | 7.2 | 48 | Houghton County | 10.5 |
| 7 | Washtenaw County | 7.2 | 49 | Lenawee County | 10.5 |
| 8 | Livingston County | 7.4 | 50 | Luce County | 10.5 |
| 9 | Clinton County | 7.5 | 51 | Lapeer County | 10.6 |
| 10 | Allegan County | 7.6 | 52 | Oceana County | 10.6 |
| 11 | Eaton County | 7.6 | 53 | Shiawassee County | 10.8 |
| 12 | Grand Traverse County | 7.7 | 54 | Gogebic County | 10.9 |
| 13 | Ottawa County | 7.7 | 55 | Otsego County | 10.9 |
| 14 | Dickinson County | 8.0 | 56 | St. Clair County | 10.9 |
| 15 | Cass County | 8.2 | 57 | Hillsdale County | 11.0 |
| 16 | Midland County | 8.2 | 58 | Ogemaw County | 11.1 |
| 17 | Kalamazoo County | 8.3 | 59 | Genesee County | 11.2 |
| 18 | Isabella County | 8.4 | 60 | Sanilac County | 11.2 |
| 19 | Calhoun County | 8.5 | 61 | Mecosta County | 11.3 |
| 20 | Benzie County | 8.7 | 62 | Gratiot County | 11.6 |
| 21 | Mason County | 8.7 | 63 | Missaukee County | 11.7 |
| 22 | Kalkaska County | 8.8 | 64 | Wayne County | 11.8 |
| 23 | Newaygo County | 8.8 | 65 | Chippewa County | 12.0 |
| 24 | Oakland County | 8.8 | 66 | Iosco County | 12.0 |
| 25 | Van Buren County | 8.9 | 67 | Tuscola County | 12.1 |
| 26 | Marquette County | 9.1 | 68 | Osceola County | 12.3 |
| 27 | Iron County | 9.4 | 69 | Keweenaw County | 12.5 |
| 28 | Monroe County | 9.5 | 70 | Montcalm County | 12.6 |
| 29 | Alger County | 9.6 | 71 | Roscommon County | 12.6 |
| 30 | Antrim County | 9.6 | 72 | Clare County | 13.0 |
| 31 | Bay County | 9.7 | 73 | Arenac County | 13.1 |
| 32 | Huron County | 9.7 | 74 | Presque Isle County | 13.1 |
| 33 | Ingham County | 9.7 | 75 | Schoolcraft County | 13.4 |
| 34 | Muskegon County | 9.7 | 76 | Gladwin County | 13.5 |
| 35 | Berrien County | 9.8 | 77 | Lake County | 13.5 |
| 36 | Jackson County | 9.8 | 78 | Ontonagon County | 13.5 |
| 37 | St. Joseph County | 9.8 | 79 | Wexford County | 13.9 |
| 38 | Delta County | 9.9 | 80 | Alcona County | 14.8 |
| 39 | Branch County | 10.1 | 81 | Montmorency County | 14.9 |
| 40 | Crawford County | 10.1 | 82 | Oscoda County | 16.8 |
| 41 | Charlevoix County | 10.2 | 83 | Baraga County | 17.5 |
| 42 | Manistee County | 10.2 | | | |

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